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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. On 28 April 1954, 25 JS-1 or JS 2 tanks, 17 SF guns, 12 trucks and an undetermined number of troops were entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station.
- 25X1 2. Small details of troops left the barracks installations on Gartenstrasse and Braunsdorfer Strasse, Fuerstenwalde, toward Lieberose between 16 and 25 April. Some of these details allegedly left for Lieberose aboard regular trains. a branch shop of Commissary No 3 was being established in the Lieberose area. During the first days of observation, vehicular traffic in Fuerstenwalde was unusually heavy.
- 25X1 3. On 25 April, trucks with billeting equipment kept leaving the barracks installation on Gartenstrasse toward Spree bridge throughout the day. At about 5:15 p.m. on 24 April, about 60 troops carrying rucksacks, rolled blankets and entrenching tools and armed with carbines and submachine guns marched to the Fuerstenwalde railroad station, coming from the direction of Braunsdorfer Strasse. The troops subsequently left toward Frankfurt.
- 25X1 4. On 4 May, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity.
- 25X1 5. On 4 May, the former SS-Brieftaubenstation (homing pigeon station) was occupied by about 400 troops. On 3 May, a column of 12 trucks with billeting equipment and ammunition truck was observed coming from the direction of the installation.
- 25X1 6. Shipments entrained in Oranienburg and leaving toward Zehdenick included:
- 25X1 25 April: At 8 a.m., 3 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 21 boxcarloads of billeting equipment and, on 22 flatcars with sideracks, 16 trucks, 1-34 tank, 28 sidecar motorcycles, 1 generator and 3 field kitchens.

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At 3 p.m., 6 boxcarloads of troop, 14 boxcarloads of billeting equipment and, on 26 flatcars with sideracks, 12 trucks, [redacted]
[redacted] 10 BA-64 armored scout cars, about 22 motorcycles, 4 field kitchens, and 2 generators.

26 April. At 6 a.m., 4 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, billeting equipment in 10 closed boxcars and 4 flatcars with sideracks and, on 16 flatcars with sideracks, 10 trucks, [redacted]

[redacted] 5 BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted]
[redacted] 2 jeeps, 2 sedans, and 2 field kitchens. Troops and materiel of the latter two shipments had come from the direction of the Weisse Stadt settlement [redacted]

7. Between 18 and 27 April, trucks [redacted] carrying sections of prefabricated buildings and billeting equipment, and tank truck [redacted] daily left the Sachsenhausen concentration camp [redacted] toward Sachsenhausen.

8. At about 2 p.m. on 26 April, about 20 trucks with sections of prefabricated buildings and billeting equipment, 2 T-34 tanks with a green coat of paint [redacted]
4 BA-64 armored scout cars and about 60 to 70 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Oranienburg freight station.⁴

9. Shipments passing toward west the northern railroad bridge in Magdeburg on 25 April included: at 12:30 p.m., a shipment of 9 boxcars and about 30 trucks; at 1:45 p.m., a shipment of about 18 tanks, 2 tank hulls and about 15 trucks; at 4:30 p.m., a shipment of about 35 trucks, including some with superstructures and about 18 boxcars; and, at 7:30 p.m., a shipment of 15 tanks presumably JS tanks, 5 trucks and 10 boxcars including 5 boxcars occupied by troops.

Comment. [redacted] transfer of the 84th Gds
Hv Tank SP Regt, probably to the Lieberose training grounds. [redacted]
[redacted] 12 trains went from Frankfurt/Oder to
Lieberose on 28 and 29 April.

2. Comment. Advance details of units from the Fuerstenwalde post which left for the Lieberose training grounds. The transfer to Lieberose of the units started only on 2 May.

Comment. [redacted] shipments [redacted] went from
Bernau to Altengrabow. They probably involved units of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US).
the departure of which from Army Clothing Depot I was observed [redacted]
On 4 May, advance details of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mech Div apparently
left the SS Erietaubenstation for Templin. According to previous information, advance
details of the division presumably went from Bernau to Zehdenick.

Comment. According to weapons observed, two of the three trains carried units
probably of the 53d Mtrcl Bn of the 25th Tank Div. The transfer to Templin of units
of the division from Oranienburg was previously reported [redacted]

Comment. Probably units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, which [redacted]
[redacted] had been entrained in Dessau, most probably for the summer camp of the
division in Letzling Heath. [redacted]

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